Capacity of Mathura Refinery

†1628. PROF. RAM BAKHSH SINGH VARMA:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed by the Mathura Refinery of Indian Oil Corporation for the year 1999-2000 to refine crude oil;

(b) the quantity of crude oil refined, so far;

(c) the per tonne price for refining crude oil during the said period;

(d) whether it is a fact that a proposal to enhance the crude oil refining capacity of Mathura Refinery is under consideration; and

(e) if so, the steps taken, so far, in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATRUAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) MOU target for crude oil processing at Mathura Refinery of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) for the year 1999-2000 is 8.0 million metric tonnes (MMT).

(b) During April, 1999—February, 2000, 7.7 MMT of crude oil has been processed at Mathura Refinery.

(c) The per tonne cost for refining crude oil during April, 1999 to February, 2000 works out to Rs. 330/-.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The environment impact assessment and risk analysis studies are in progress.

New Policy for Setting up of LPG and Petrol Dealership in Private Sector

1629. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the new policy of Government for setting up of new LPG dealership and petrol pumps in private sector in the different parts of the country; and

(b) the names and places in Meghalaya where such LPG dealership and petrol pumps have been set up during the period from 1st January, 1998 till date?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATRUAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) In April, 1993, Government introduced Parallel Marketing Scheme. Under this scheme, a private party can undertaken the import of LPG and kerosene and can sell these products at market determined prices under their own distribution network. So far petrol pumps are concerned, it is not yet open to the private sector.

(b) As per the records maintained in this Ministry, no private party has reported about the setting up of LPG and petrol dealerships under parallel marketing scheme in respect of Meghalaya.

Retail outlets of petroleum products in Karnataka

1630. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of retail outlets of petroleum products in Karnataka;

(b) the places where new petroleum retail outlets are proposed to be opened in Karnataka during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) how many new retail outlets to be opened in Bellary District during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATRUAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) As on 1.10.1999 there were 1039 retail outlets in Karnataka.

(b) and (c) In addition to the locations pending from previous Marketing Plans 49 retail outlet dealerships have been included in the current Marketing Plan 1996—98 for Karnataka including 2 for District Bellary.

Cess paid by ONGC to OIDB

1631. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC propose to pay more than 2000 crores as cess during the current financial year to the Oil Industry Development Board;

(b) if so, the total amount of cess paid by ONGC to OIDB during the past three years;

(c) the purpose for which Oil Industry Development Board utilised the said cess amount; and